

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A food storage container comprising:
 - a non-plastic container body containing walls defining an opening in the upper side thereof;
 - a closed ring-shaped plastic rim formed on the upper side walls of the non-plastic container body, said closed ring- shaped plastic rim surrounding said opening and provided with locking protrusions extending therefrom,
 - a plastic coating layer integrally formed with the plastic rim and extending around the outer surface and lower portions of the container body, and
 - a plastic lid provided with a groove for engaging the container walls, at said upper side thereof and further containing locking wings for engaging with the locking protrusions of the closed ring.
7. (Currently Amended) The food storage container of claim 6, wherein the closed ring-shaped plastic rim defines a top portion of ~~a container outer shell~~ the plastic coating layer which is continuous with and surrounds the non-plastic container body.
8. (Previously Presented) The food storage container of claim 6, wherein a sealing ring is provided in the groove of the plastic lid.

9. (Previously Presented) The food storage container of claim 6, wherein the locking protrusions extend from opposite sides of the ring-shaped plastic rim.

10. (Currently Amended) The food storage container of claim 6, wherein the non-plastic container body is made of a material selected from the group consisting of glass, stainless steel and ceramic.

11. (Previously Presented) The food storage container of claim 6, wherein each locking wing has at least one locking hole and is foldable for engaging with the locking protrusions.

12. (Previously Presented) The food storage container of claim 6, wherein the groove has a substantially U-shaped configuration for engaging at said opening, the inner and outer walls of the container body.